

Jubilee of Young People | Pilgrims of Hope 2025

United States National Pilgrim Gathering

Wednesday, July 30, 2025



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Holy Doors Open

6:15 pm CEST (12:15 pm EDT)

Participants may enter the Holy Door and venerate relics and images of saints and blessed as gathering music is played throughout this hour.

Welcome and Invitation to Prayer

7:00 pm (1:00 pm)

Renzo and Monica Ortego, Knights of Columbus and Two Become Family, *emcees*

Procession and Litany of Saints and Blessed

7:15 pm (1:15 pm)

- *Love Is patient, love is kind, it does not envy, it does not boast. It is not proud.* **St. Paul the Apostle**, great missionary to the Gentiles and co-patron of Rome, who was martyred in this city and whose body now lies in rest here in this very Basilica. As he reminded us through his New Testament letters, “hope does not disappoint.”

- *I am not my own; I have given myself to Jesus. He must be my only love.* **St. Kateri Tekakwitha**, the seventeenth-century young saint, born of the Algonquin and Mohawk tribes of North America, who was persecuted for giving her life to Christ.
- *Pray for us that we may be a sign of love of Christ for his people.* **Bl. Stanley Rother**, a missionary priest from Oklahoma who was sent in 1968 to minister with the Indigenous people from the rural highlands of Guatemala. He was eventually targeted and martyred in 1981, giving his life to the people he served.
- *Faith lifts the soul. Hope supports it. Experience says it must. And love says let it be.* **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**, received into the Catholic Church in 1805 and the founder of the Sisters of Charity in Maryland, which laid the foundation for Catholic schools across the United States.

• Litany of the Saints

- * St. Paul the Apostle... pray for us
- * St. Kateri Tekakwitha... pray for us
- * Bl. Stanley Rother... pray for us
- * St. Elizabeth Ann Seton... pray for us

- *We need Catholics who are alert to the present moment... modern Catholics who know how to nourish themselves in the past but whose eyes are fixed on the future.* **Bl. Carlos Manuel Rodríguez**, a Puerto Rican layman affectionately known as “Blessed Charlie,” a catechist, a devoted liturgist who advocated lay engagement in Catholic liturgical life, and a member of the Knights of Columbus.
- *We must pray without tiring, for the salvation of mankind does not depend upon material success... but on Jesus alone.* **St. Francis Xavier Cabrini**, patroness of immigrants and founder of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; sent on mission to the U.S. by Pope Leo XIII, providing health care and education to the poor.
- *When we face the sun we get a tan, but when we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist, we become saints.* **Bl. Carlo Acutis** will be the first millennial to be canonized in Rome next month, known for his great devotion to the Eucharist and the love of the poor, had a passion for computers and the internet, died at the age of 15.
- *My sweetest joy is to be in the presence of Jesus in the Holy Sacrament. I beg that when obliged to withdraw in body, I may leave my heart before the Holy Sacrament.* **St. Katharine Drexel** was a wealthy American heiress who dedicated her life and fortune to serving the marginalized communities,

especially Native Americans and African Americans, by founding schools and missions across the United States.

- **Litany of the Saints**

- * Bl. Carlos Manuel Rodriguez... pray for us
 - * St. Francis Xavier Cabrini... pray for us
 - * Bl. Carlos Actuis... pray for us
 - * St. Katharine Drexel... pray for us
- *Lord, you made us for yourself, and my heart is restless until it rests in you.* **St. Augustine of Hippo**, the fifth-century theologian and philosopher who deeply influenced Western Civilization. Once a wayward youth, he converted to Christianity and became the Bishop of Hippo. His life and writings would eventually influence our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, to join the Augustinian Order.
 - *Keep the ways of the Lord... The way of the cross is the path of self-sacrifice and denial. Only a humble soul can walk this path securely.* **Bl. Miriam Teresa Demjanovich**, a Ruthenian Greek Catholic, joined St. Elizabeth’s Sisters of Charity and inspired many with her profound spiritual writings emphasizing the universal call to holiness through everyday duties. She passed into eternal life at age 26 in 1927.

- *With all the strength of my soul I urge you, young people, to approach this Communion table as often as you can. Feed on the bread of angels whence you will draw all the energy you need to fight the inner battles.* **Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati**, a young Italian layman from the early twentieth century, known for his deep devotion to the Eucharist, his zest for joyful living, his adventurous spirit, his commitment to family, and his charity and love of the poor, known today as the “man of the beatitudes.”

- *Unity and Charity... this is what draws families nearer to the Church and thus makes them better Christians and more useful members of society.* **Bl. Michael McGivney**, a priest from Connecticut who, at age 30, founded the Knights of Columbus as a mutual aid society and fraternal network to support working immigrant families. It now has over 2.1 million members worldwide.

- **Litany of the Saints**

- * St. Augustine of Hippo...
pray for us
- * Bl. Miriam Teresa Demjanovich...
pray for us
- * Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati...
pray for us
- * Bl. Michael McGivney...
pray for us

Young Adult Stories of Hope

7:30 pm (1:30 pm)

Rev. Samuel Rendon, priest for the Diocese of Dallas

Sarah Kroger Quaglia & Dom Quaglia, singer-songwriter married couple

Sr. Mary Grace, SV, evangelization missionary for the Sisters of Life

Keynote Presentation on Hope

7:45 pm (1:45 pm)

Presenter: Most Rev. Robert E. Barron, Bishop of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries, and chairman of the USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth

Eucharistic Holy Hour

8:15 pm (2:15 pm)

Celebrant: Most Rev. Edward J. Burns, Bishop of the Diocese of Dallas and the chairman-elect of the USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth

Procession | O Salutaris Hostia

1. The Word proceeding from on high, though leaving not the Father's right, went forth to do his work on earth and reached the evening of his life.
2. Though one disciple would, for death, betray him to his envious foes, to his disciples first he chose to give himself as food of life.
3. Beneath a double form he gave to them his holy flesh and blood to be the perfect food that feeds the twofold substance of our frame.
4. He gave himself in birth as friend, in feasting as our living food, in dying as our ransom paid, in reigning as our great reward.
5. O salutáris Hóstia, quæ cæli pandis óstium, bella premunt hostília: da robur, fer auxílium.
6. Uni trinóque Dómino sit sempitérna glória, qui vitam sine término nobis donet in pátria. Amen.

Exposition and Incensation

Greeting

Celebrant: The God of hope, who in the Word made flesh fills us with every joy and hope in the faith, through the power of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

(R:) And with your spirit

Opening Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God, fervent desire of the human heart, look with favor upon your people who make their pilgrim journey in this year of grace, so that, bound to Christ the rock of salvation, they may happily attain the goal of blessed hope. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Silence and Song

Liturgy of the Word

- First Reading: Rom 5:5-11
(Hope does not disappoint)
- Psalm: Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27 (R. I will sing for ever of your mercies, O Lord.)
- Alleluia (The Spirit of the LORD is upon me; / for he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor.)
- Gospel: Lk 4:16-21 (He has sent me to proclaim the Lord's favor)
- Homily: Most Rev. Edward J. Burns

Silence and Song

Benediction and Reposition

Tantum ergo Sacramentum venerémur
cérnui, et antiquum documentum novo
cedat rítui; præstet fides supplementum
sénsuum deféctui.

Genitóri Genitóque laus et iubilátio, salus,
honor, virtus quoque sit et benedíctio;
procedénti ab utróque compar sit laudátio.
Amen

Celebrant: You have given them Bread
from heaven.

(R:) Having all sweetness within it.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament
have left us a memorial of your Passion,
grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred
mysteries of your Body and Blood that we
may always experience in ourselves the fruits
of your redemption. Who live and reign for
ever and ever. Amen.

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and
true man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament
of the altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary
most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate
Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin
and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most
chaste Spouse.

Blessed be God in his Angels and in
his Saints.

Missionary Sending and Closing Remarks

9:30 pm (3:30 pm)

Closing Blessing, music, and Departure

9:45 pm (3:45 pm)

Lord God, set our hearts ablaze
with a desire to live our faith fully
and share it freely with others.

May we be eager to share our faith
and transform our nation
and, with missionary dedication,
the whole world.

Open our hearts to see the need
for the Gospel in each life,
in our nation, and on our planet.

We ask Mary, the one through whom
Jesus entered our world,
to guide us as we present Jesus
to those who live in our land.

May her prayers help us to share
in her courage and faithfulness.

May they lead us to imitate her discipleship,
her turning to Jesus,
and her love for God and for all.

May the compassion that Mary
has always reflected
be present in our hearts.

Like the disciples walking
that Easter morning to Emmaus,
may we feel the presence of Jesus
burn in our hearts.

As those two disciples felt
the presence of Jesus on the journey,
as the Lord listened, taught,
and sent them forth,
we ask that our own
evangelizing mission
help others to feel anew
the presence of Jesus in their lives.

We pray that the fire of Jesus,
enkindled in us by God's Spirit,
may lead more and more people
in our land to become disciples,
formed in the image of Christ
our Savior, now and forever. Amen.

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